

**Canada-United States Interparliamentary Group:** The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representative Houghton as Chairman, Canada-United States Interparliamentary Group. **Page H1875**

**British-American Interparliamentary Group:** The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representative Petri as Chairman, British-American Interparliamentary Group. **Page H1875**

**Speaker Pro Tempore List:** The chair announced that on February 10, the Speaker delivered to the Clerk a letter listing members in the order in which each shall act as Speaker pro tempore under clause 8(b)(3) of rule 1. **Page H1875**

**Presidential Messages:** Read the following messages from the President:

***Continuation of the National Emergency re Iran:*** Message wherein he transmitted his notice announcing the continuation of the national emergency with respect to Iran—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 108-46); and **Page H1875**

***Six Month Periodic Report on the National Emergency re Iran:*** Message wherein he transmitted a six month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Iran—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 108-47). **Page H1875**

**Designation by the Speaker re Assembly of the Congress:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he stated that pursuant to H. Con. Res. 1, regarding consent to assemble outside the seat of Government, and also for the purposes of concurrent resolutions of the current Congresses as may contemplate his designation of members to act in similar circumstances, he designates Representative Tom DeLay of Texas to act jointly with the Majority Leader of the Senate or his designee, in the event of his death or inability, to notify the Members of the House and Senate, respectively, of any reassembly under any such concurrent resolution. He further stated that in the event of the death or inability of that designee, the alternate Members of the House listed in the letter dated March 13, 2003 that has placed with the Clerk are designated, in turn, for the same purposes.

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**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appears on pages H1871.

**Referral:** S. 3 was held at the desk.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H1828-29, H1870, and H1871. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7 p.m.

## *Committee Meetings*

### **AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies held a hearing on National Resources Conservation Service. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Mark Rey, Under Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment; Bruce Knight, Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service; and Gerald Patterson, Acting Budget Officer.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on Research, Education and Economics. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Joseph J. Jen, Under Secretary, Research, Education and Economics; Edward B. Knipling, Acting Administrator, Agricultural Research Service; Collen Hefferan, Administrator, Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service; Susan E. Offutt, Administrator, Economic Research Service; and R. Ronald Bosecker, Administrator, National Agricultural Statistics Service.

### **COMMERCE, JUSTICE, AND STATE AND THE JUDICIARY, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, and State and The Judiciary, and Related Agencies held a hearing on SEC. Testimony was heard from William H. Donaldson, Chairman, SEC.

### **DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense met in executive session to hold a hearing on U.S. Northern Command. Testimony was heard from Gen. Ralph Eberhart, USAF, Commander and Chief, U.S. Northern Command.

### **ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development held a hearing on Department of Energy-Science, Nuclear Energy, and Renewable Energy. Testimony was heard from Robert Card, Under Secretary, Energy, Science and Environment, Department of Energy.

**FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING, AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs held a hearing on Secretary of State. Testimony was heard from Colin L. Powell, Secretary of State.

**INTERIOR AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Interior and Related Agencies held a hearing on National Endowment for the Arts, and National Endowment for the Humanities. Testimony was heard from Bruce Cole, Chairman, National Endowment for the Humanities; and Dana Gioia, Chairman, National Endowment for the Arts.

**LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies held a hearing on Department of Education-Panel: "Special Education and Vocational Education" program. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Education: Robert Pasternack, Assistant Secretary, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitation Services; and Grover Whitehurst, Assistant Secretary, Institute of Education Sciences; Office of Education Research and Improvement.

**TRANSPORTATION AND TREASURY, AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Transportation and Treasury, and Independent Agencies held a hearing on Inspector General, Department of Transportation. Testimony was heard from Kenneth M. Mead, Inspector General, Department of Transportation.

**VA AND HUD, AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on VA and HUD, and Independent Agencies held a hearing on Council on Environmental Quality. Testimony was heard from James Connaughton, Chairman, Council on Environmental Quality.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board. Testimony was heard from Carolyn Merritt, Chairman, Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board.

**NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BUDGET REQUEST**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Continued hearings on the fiscal year 2004 national defense authorization budget request. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Gen. Ralph E. Eberhart, USAF, Commander, U.S. Northern Command; and Adm. James O. Ellis, Jr., USN, Commander, U.S. Strategic Command.

Hearings continue March 20.

**ENVIRONMENTAL LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Readiness held a hearing on environmental legislative proposals. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Raymond F. DuBois, Jr., Deputy Under Secretary, Installations and Environment; Nelson Gibbs, Assistant Secretary, Air Force, Installations, Environment and Logistics, Department of the Air Force; Raymond J. Fatz, Deputy Assistant Secretary, (Environment, Safety and Occupational Health), Department of the Army; and Wayne Army, Deputy Assistant Secretary, (Installations and Facilities), Department of the Navy; John Peter Suarez, Assistant Administrator, Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, EPA; Julie MacDonald, Special Assistant to Assistant Administrator, Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior; William Hogarth, Assistant Administrator, Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

**FORCE PROTECTION POLICY—HOMELAND SECURITY—ROLE OF DOD AND NATIONAL GUARD**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities held a hearing on force protection policy, with emphasis on the role of the Department of Defense and the National Guard in homeland security. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Paul McHale, Assistant Secretary, Homeland Defense; Maj. Gen. Raymond F. Rees, USA, Acting Chief, National Guard Bureau; and Maj. Gen. Timothy J. Lowenberg, USAF, The Adjutant General, Director, Military Department, State of Washington.

**TOTAL FORCE TRANSFORMATION—OVERVIEW MILITARY PERSONNEL BUDGET REQUEST**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Total Force held a hearing on the Department of Defense total force transformation and overview of the fiscal year 2004 military personnel budget request. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the

Department of Defense: David S. C. Chu, Under Secretary, Personnel and Readiness; Lt. Gen. John Le Moyne, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1, U.S. Army; Vice Adm. Gerald Hoewing, USN, Chief of Naval Personnel; Lt. Gen. Garry L. Parks, USMC, Deputy Commandant, Manpower and Reserve Affairs, U.S. Marine Corps; and Lt. Gen. Richard E. Brown, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff, Personnel, U.S. Air Force.

### CONCURRENT BUDGET RESOLUTION

*Committee on the Budget:* Ordered reported the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2004.

### IDEA—IMPROVING RESULTS FOR CHILDREN AND DISABILITIES

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on Education Reform held a hearing on “IDEA, Focusing on Improving Results for Children and Disabilities.” Testimony was heard from Dianne Talarico, Superintendent, City School District, Canton, Ohio; Larry Lorton, Superintendent, Caroline County School District, Denton, Maryland; and public witnesses.

### SMALL BUSINESS HEALTH FAIRNESS ACT

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations held a hearing on H.R. 660, Small Business Health Fairness Act of 2003. Testimony was heard from Ann L. Combs, Assistant Secretary, Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor; and public witnesses.

### COMPREHENSIVE NATIONAL ENERGY POLICY

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality concluded hearings on “Comprehensive National Energy Policy.” Testimony was heard from Sam J. Ervin, Commissioner, Public Utility Commission, State of North Carolina; and public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Financial Services:* Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 21, Unlawful Internet Gambling Funding Prohibition Act; H. R 522, amended, Federal Deposit Insurance Act of 2003; and H.R. 758, amended, Business Checking Freedom Act of 2003.

### PORNOGRAPHY ACCESS ON NETWORKS

*Committee on Government Reform:* Held a hearing entitled “Stumbling onto Smut: The Alarming Ease of Access to Pornography on Peer-to-Peer Networks.” Testimony was heard from Linda Koontz, Director,

Information Management Issues, GAO; John M. Netherland, Acting Director, CyberSmuggling Center, Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

### FEDERAL E-GOVERNMENT INITIATIVES

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and the Census held an oversight hearing entitled “Federal E-Government Initiatives: Are We Headed In the Right Direction?” Testimony was heard from Mark A. Forman, Associate Director, Information Technology and Electronic Government, OMB; Joel C. Willemssen, Managing Director, Information Technology, GAO; and public witnesses.

### COMMITTEE FUNDING

*Committee on House Administration:* Met to consider Committee funding requests for the following Committees: Agriculture, Science, Rules, Armed Services, Energy and Commerce, Budget, International Relations, Homeland Security and Veterans.

### EUROPE—U.S. PRIORITIES

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on Europe held a hearing on United States Priorities in Europe. Testimony was heard from A. Elizabeth Jones, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs, Department of State; and J. D. Crouch, II, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of International Security Policy, Department of Defense.

### OVERSIGHT-INTERNATIONAL COPYRIGHT PIRACY

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property held an oversight hearing on the “International Copyright Piracy: Links to Organized Crime and Terrorism.” Testimony was heard from John G. Malcolm, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

### AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES RESEARCH ACT

*Committee on Science:* Subcommittee on Environment, Technology, and Standards approved for full Committee action H.R. 1081, Aquatic Invasive Species Research Act.

### HARMFUL ALGAL BLOOMS AND HYPOXIA

*Committee on Science:* Subcommittee on Environment, Technology, and Standards held a hearing on Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia: Strengthening the Science. Testimony was heard from Donald Scavia, Chief Scientist, National Ocean Service, NOAA, Department of Commerce; Robert Hirsch, Associate

Director, Water, U.S. Geological Survey, Department of the Interior; Dan Ayres, Coastal Shellfish Lead Biologist, Department of Fish and Wildlife, State of Washington; and public witnesses.

#### **OVERSIGHT—COAST GUARD AND FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION BUDGET REQUESTS; COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held an oversight hearing on the Administration's Fiscal Year 2004 Budgets for the U.S. Coast Guard and the Federal Maritime Commission. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security: Adm. Thomas H. Collins, USCG, Commandant; and Master Chief Franklin A. Welch, USCG, Master Chief Petty Officer; and Steven Blust, Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission.

Prior to the hearing, the Subcommittee met for organizational purposes.

#### **OVERSIGHT—FEDERAL HIGHWAY AND TRANSIT PROGRAMS REAUTHORIZATION**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Highways, Transit and Pipelines held an oversight hearing on Reauthorization of Federal Highway and Transit Programs: What are the needs, and how to meet those needs. Testimony was heard from Tim Martin, Secretary, Department of Transportation, State of Illinois; and public witnesses.

#### **SOCIAL SECURITY PROTECTION ACT**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 743, Social Security Protection Act of 2003.

#### **HOT SPOTS BRIEFING**

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Subcommittee on Intelligence Policy and National Security met in executive session to receive a briefing on Hot Spots. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

#### **FUTURE IMAGERY ARCHITECTURE PROGRAM**

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Subcommittee on Technical and Tactical Intelligence met in executive session to hold a hearing on Future Imagery Architecture Program. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

#### **COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 2003**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

##### **Senate**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, to hold hearings to examine the posture of U.S. Joint Forces Command and the role of joint experimentation in force transformation, in review of the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2004, 9:30 a.m., SR-22.

##### **House**

No committee meetings are scheduled.

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#### **CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD**

**Week of March 17 through March 22, 2003**

##### **Senate Chamber**

On *Monday*, at 2 p.m., Senate expects to begin consideration of the First Concurrent Budget Resolution.

On *Tuesday*, Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Miguel A. Estrada, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, with a vote to occur on the motion to invoke cloture.

During the balance of the week, Senate expects to continue consideration of the First Concurrent Budget Resolution, and may consider any other cleared legislative and executive business.

##### **Senate Committees**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* March 20, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Vernon Bernard Parker, of Arizona, to be an Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, 10:30 a.m., SR-328A.

*Committee on Appropriations:* March 18, Subcommittee on Military Construction, to hold hearings to examine Base Realignment and Closure, 10 a.m., SD-138.

March 19, Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings to examine, 10 a.m., SD-192.

March 20, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, to hold hearings to examine the President's budget request for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of Commerce, 10 a.m., S-146, Capitol.

March 20, Subcommittee on Interior, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of Agriculture Forest Service, 10 a.m., SD-124.

*Committee on Armed Services:* March 18, to hold hearings to examine proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of Defense for ballistic missile defense, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.